

Minutes

TO: Human Services Committee

FROM: Judy Casperson, Chairperson

DATE: December 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Judy Casperson (by phone), Shari Cantor (by phone). Denise Hall, Burke Doar, Ron Van Winkle, Helen Rubino-Turco,

The Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 8:00 a.m., in Town Hall, Room 312 to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Dial-A-Ride
Dial-A-Ride is projected to override its budget. There has been a significant increase in ridership that has caused the problem. Curtin, the contractor providing the Dial-A-Ride service, has agreed to cut the cost of rides over the contracted amount of 11,000 rides from \$25 per ride to \$17.25 per ride. That reduction will save approximately \$31,000. Unfortunately, we will continue to have a budget deficit of \$31,902. The staff requested an additional appropriation to cover the deficit and would increase the membership cost from \$25 to \$50 for FY2015.
2. Facility fees
The staff presented a proposed increase in golf and other facility fees with the recommendation it be adopted by the Town Council for March 1st implementation.
3. Parks and Recreation projects
The staff discussed a series of accessibility projects that are in the design or planning phase. These include improvements at Beachland Park, Cornerstone Pool, Goodrich Fields, the Miracle League fields and ball fields, Sterling Fields and the West Hartford Senior Center. Capital project funds will be augmented by CDBG funding and private funds being raised.
4. Hooker House
A facility condition study completed for the Hooker House shows a need for facility improvements to the structure of the building. The study was undertaken with a grant and town funding. The needed improvements are being submitted for a grant which will need a town match if the grant is received.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors
Karen List, Superintendent of Public Schools